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SUBJECT: ARTICLE CLAIMS US HAS BASE IN OGADEN

1. LEFTIST MAGAZINE "AFRIQUE-ASIE", PUBLISHED IN PARIS, CARRIES INTERVIEW IN FEBRUARY 9--22 ISSUE WITH BAYOU AYANA, DESCRIBED AS MEMBER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF ETHIOPIAN PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY. INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED "SOMEWHERE IN ETHIOPIA" BY MAMO ZELEKE.

2. ONE QUESTION AND ANSWER DIRECTLY CONCERN USG RELATIONS WITH DIRG. QUOTE QUESTION: CLOSE TIES BETWEEN DIRG AND WASHINGTON ARE WELL KNOWN. "DEMOCRACIA" RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW AMERICAN MILITARY BASE WOULD BE INSTALLED IN OGADEN, NEAR SOMALI BORDER. ANSWER: WE NEVER STOP SAYING THAT DIRG IS ONE OF MOST PRO-IMPERIALIST GOVERNMENTS IN ALL AFRICA. IT NOT ONLY RECEIVES ARMS, BUT IT PLOTS WITH IMPERIALISTS FORCES (DJIBOUTI, ETC.) AND ACTIVELY HINDERS ANTI-IMPERIALISTS. THIS NEW AMERICAN BASE IN OGADEN PROVOKED A VERY LONG DISCUSSION AMONG LEADERS OF DIRG, OF WHICH WE KNOW THE DETAILS. IT CONCERNS GIVING PENTAGON AN AREA NEAR GODE, IN OGADEN, TO INSTALL A BASE "AGAINST SOVIET AND SOMALI THREATS IN THE REGION". DECISION WAS MADE BUT NOT YET ANNOUNCED FOR FEAR OF REPERCUSSIONS. DIRG HAS NOT DARED DENY "DEMO-UNCLASSIFIED

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CRACIA". IT CONCERNS A MACHINATION AGAINST ALL AFRICA.

END QUOTE.

3. "DEMOCRACIA" IS DESCRIBED AS ONE OF TWO EPRP CLANDESTINE PUBLICATIONS.

4. APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED OGADEN BASE.  
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